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Streets and Water	583-3430

Councilmen

Kevin Burk	404-1481
Ron Shoup	337-5876
Dirk Studebaker	574-551-2903
Doyle Allison	583-9481
Mac McKinney	583-2821

Calendar September 2015

1st	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
2nd	Limb Pickup Begins
2nd	Trash & Recycle
7th	Labor Day - Town Hall Closed
15th	Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
16th	Trash & Recycle
30th	Trash & Recycle

Otterbein Prairie Community Center

Activities at the Community Center have been suspended until further notice



Previous issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from our website



Library News

- **Teen** The Otterbein Public Library has teamed up with Benton Central High School's Library to host a "No Club" Book Club for Teens and Young Adults in High School. It is simple, check out one of the nominated books from the list available at the OPL website. Once read, fill out the easy voting ballot available at either library. Turn in your book and ballot at OPL: **1 book=1** fun size candy bar - **3 books=1** King size candy bar - **5 books=2** king size candy bars - **10+books=** \$10-\$20 Visa Gift Card
- **Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 am, (half hour before library opens) Mother Goose on the Loose Story time** - Join us for nursery rhymes, music, stories, and more. This award winning program is designed for ages birth to 3 years and is wonderful tool for early development like fine motor skills, self-confidence, and exposure to new words and sounds.
- **After School Program - September 8th 3:15-5:30 pm** - From 3:15-4:15 We Start our construction on our entry for the Prophetstown Trail of Scarecrow, right after school. From 4:30 - 5:30 pm Angie Manuel from Prophetstown State Park will be here to give a presentation on the history of Prophetstown, focusing on the Native Shawnee brothers. This is an interactive program and is free to attend. Parents and families are encouraged to join us. For details and to register, you sign up online at www.opl.lib.in.us.
- **FREE Movie in the Park - September 12th 8:30 pm** - Help celebrate The Sound of Music's 50th Anniversary. Bring your lawn chairs, snacks, blankets, friends and family. The movie will be at Thompson Park. No registration required. If weather does not cooperate it will be postponed to a later date. No alcohol and No pets, please.
- For more information call Lauren Lee (Programs Coordinator) at the Otterbein Public Library.583-2107 or on the web at www.opl.lib.in.us



Yard of the Month!!

Presented by the Otterbein Rotary Club
August recipient—Richard/Marilynn Shonkwiler

More News located on next

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM with all members present.

The Council conducted the Hearing on Utility Disconnections. No residents were present to discuss. Leon McKinney made the motion to approve those on the list, be disconnected. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Attorney Jud Barce updated the Council on the bond Anticipation Loan and it's moving along with an anticipated closing of August 20, 2015. He then presented Ordinance 2015-0804A An Ordinance to amend Title IX, Section 91.02 of the Town of Otterbein Code Prohibiting Nuisances. The Council discussed at great detail regarding the Residential vs Business properties. It was decided to strike "A Business" from the 3rd paragraph, conditional use to restoration permit and set the restoration permit fee to \$50. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-0804A with changes noted. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor. The adoption of the Personnel Handbook was tabled until next meeting. The Council discussed, with Jud, the Draft Line of Sight Ordinance should include bushes, vegetation, fence, or any obstruction. Jud will revise and bring to the next meeting. Jud presented Ordinance 2015-0804B An Ordinance Regulating the Use of consumer Fireworks. The Council agreed to set the penalty at \$50. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-0804B. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Utility Superintendent, Billy Walker, announced the plants are running well and he is working on flushing hydrants and is making a list of troubled ones. Kevin asked Billy the status of the meter project as the deadline has passed. Billy stated he had 10 left to install and would have them done by the end of August.

Town Superintendent, Seth Humphreys, presented the Council with a written report of what he has done over the last few weeks and what he plans to get done in the next few weeks. He inquired about surplus signs that were removed during the sign project. He has had residents inquire about purchasing them. It was explained that a Surplus Ordinance needs to be created. It will state signs have no substantial value and that residents can purchase them on a first come first serve basis at \$5.00 each. Treeva and Seth will work on an Ordinance and have it at the next meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles updated the Council on the Budget process and her meeting with the Department of Local Government Finance. She asked if they would like to reduce Riverboat, Rainy Day and the CCD Fund Appropriations down this year and move them to next year. They agreed to Riverboat and CCD however, they would like to leave Rainy Day to make repairs to buildings. Treeva will prepare the Appropriation Reduction Ordinance/Resolution for adoption. Treeva then announced it is time for the annual update of the Otterbein Code. The Council agreed to have a cut-off date of Oct 1, 2015 so that new ordinances can be sent in for the annual update.

Claims were presented for a total of \$373,835.47. Questions asked were, what was \$5.74 for batteries from Stormwater which was answered for the locator; also inquired how much mosquito chemical was used each time we spray, the answer was 4 gallons. With no other questions Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council received the Tax Abatement CF-1 Form from Furpo LLC. Ron Shoup made the motion they are in compliance. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Town Council discussed with Seth and Treeva the condition of the buildings. More information needs to be gathered. Seth and Treeva will look into options.

The Council set the date for an Executive Session to be Monday August 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM to interview prospective candidates for the laborer position.

Jud noted that we had an ordinance violation that went to court and we won. Also, we received an agreed order for a small claims case.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Executive SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with members Ron Shoup, Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present; Member Dirk Studebaker was absent.

The Council interviewed a Mr. Parrish and a Mr. Jacoba for the open laborer position.

There was a third candidate who had to reschedule due to having strep throat. Then Kevin announced that an Executive Session on Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 6:00 PM has been set to interview the final candidate.

Doyle Allison made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Executive SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM with members Ron Shoup, Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison present; Member Dirk Studebaker was absent.

The Council interviewed a Mr. Johnston for the laborer position.

Ron Shoup made the motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Executive SESSION OF THE OTTERBEIN TOWN COUNCIL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015 5:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM with members Ron Shoup, Dirk Studebaker and Doyle Allison present; Member Leon McKinney was absent.

The Council discussed with Utility Superintendent Billy Walker his performance. Through this conversation it was made very clear that isn't working out.

Kevin Burk made it known to Mr. Walker that at the Public meeting following this Executive Session he will put, terminating his employment, to a vote.

Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adjourn the Executive Session at 5:31 PM; Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2015 6:00 PM

Council President Kevin Burk called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with all members present.

Kevin Burk read the summary of claims for a total of \$35,058.99. With no questions Ron Shoup made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Attorney Jud Barce updated the Council on the Bond Anticipation Loan. The Banks had to have their bid in on August 12, 2015. Fowler Bank was the lowest bidder at 2.35% for the \$160,000. These funds will be used for the Pump Replacement Project. Ron

Shoup made the motion to accept the lowest bidder, Fowler State Bank, for the 2.35% interest rate. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jud then stated that the Revised Personnel Handbook is finished. Treeva stated that it was in front of the Council and the changes noted, a few meeting ago, had been made. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to adopt the 2015 Personnel Handbook and repeal any previous contradicting polices or ordinances. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jud presented the 2015-0818B An Ordinance Regarding the Maintenance of Trees along Town Streets and Rights-of-Way within the Town of Otterbein, Indiana. Ron Shoup made the motion to adopt 2015-0818B. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Superintendent, Seth Humphreys, updated the Council on what he has been doing and what he has coming up. He presented a quote to rent a Skidsteer to do some in-house projects. The cost of the rental for a week is \$1,755.00. The quote is from Sunbelt Rentals. He then presented a quote from Sunbelt to purchase a Jumping Jack Tamper for a cost of \$2,551.68. Lastly, he presented a quote from Rigg's Outdoor Power to purchase a concrete saw and cart, as well as a hand blower for a total of \$1,828.61. Dirk Studebaker made the motion to make the purchases and also to rent the skidsteer. Doyle Allison seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Town Marshal George Frantz didn't have anything to bring before the Council.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles updated the Council that the WWT Plan is complete and we need to have a Public Hearing. Public Hearing was set for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 5:30 PM. She informed the Council that Rural Development was here this week to do a site visit regarding the lighting project downtown. She was informed we should hear about our funding by the end of September. Lastly, she wanted to clarify how detailed the list of surplus personal property needs to be, so that the ordinance can be prepared. Just list what we are getting rid of but don't have to get so detailed as to the color of sign, # of bent posts etc. Seth and she will work together then to have a list prepared for the next meeting.

Mike Turchi with BF&S presented the Notice of Award for Graves Plumbing for the WWT Pump Project. Ron Shoup made the motion to award the project. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Under Old Business – the Council tabled the discussion on street widths and parking on both sides of street in some areas of town, until more research can be done.

Kevin Burk made the motion to terminate Utility Superintendent Billy Walker's employment. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ron Shoup made the motion to hire Chad Jacoba as a full-time laborer for the town. Doyle Allison seconded the motion; Kevin Burk, Ron Shoup, Leon McKinney and Doyle Allison were in favor. Dirk Studebaker abstained because he did not attend the interview; motion carries. Kevin Burk made the motion to hire Lorean Johnston as Utility Superintendent. Ron Shoup seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ron Shoup made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-0818A An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-0407 to set the Compensation of all Town Officers and Employees for the Year 2015. This was to set the wage for the new hires as well as to increase the pay of the Town Superintendent. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Doyle Allison asked that some street lights, that aren't working correctly, be reported. Kevin Burk would like to revisit the speed limits within the town and asked Mike to re-present the information he presented sometime back regarding speed studies.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Ron Shoup made the motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Leon McKinney seconded the motion and all were in favor.



Otterbein United Methodist Church

Free Family Carnival

Sunday, September 13th from 1pm-4pm.

Fun, Games, Food, Music...and so much more!

You will not want to miss it, everyone is welcome!

